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PRO-WEST VOTE



Election officials count ballots shortly after the polling stations closed at the end of the election day in Beirut, Lebanon, Sunday, June 7, 2009. Lebanese streamed to their hometowns on the Mediterranean coast and high in the mountains Sunday to vote in a crucial election that could unseat a pro-Western government and install one dominated by the Iranian-backed militant group Hezbollah.

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SPORTS NEWS

FINALLY FRENCH



Switzerland's Roger Federer cries during the trophy ceremony after defeating Sweden's Robin Soderling in their men's singles final match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Sunday June 7, 2009.

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Anti-Crime Run/Walk was a success

HAC demonstrated that they stand by their goals



ORANJESTAD – The anti-Crime Walk “LOVE, PEACE, UNITY WALK” that was held by the youths of HAC Saturday afternoon was a very successful event.

The event was held Saturday afternoon and started at Boca Catalina where it enjoyed a big

turn-out as a large number of youths dressed in the T-shirts that HAC provided came out to show their support to the organization.

HAC is extremely satisfied with the proceedings and that they achieved their goal which was to show that the Aruban

community wants fight the rising criminal acts on the Island. Several members of the political party AVP also joined in the Run/Walk whom had shown their interests in not only aiding HAC in the organizing the event but also participating. Ms. Silvia



Gildhorn of HAC during an interview was pleased with the turn-out of the youth whom in doing so showed that they were interested in their community as well and want something done about it. She also pointed that undertaking actions such as the Anti-Crime Run/Walk will show the willingness of the community to fight crime.

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De Suikertuin is open in downtown!

ORANJESTAD - Breakfast and lunch restaurant De Suikertuin is open! Revamped, in full makeup after a successful facelift, the historic mansion in the Wilhelminastraat is unrecognizable. Casually elegant, with gorgeous paintings gracing the centuries-old, cream colored walls, De Suikertuin is truly inviting. Its garden at the back is lovely, the reading table well-stocked and the menu is varied and at affordable prices. Parking across from Garufa is free of charge (after you have your ticket stamped at De Suikertuin). The restaurant is open from 7 am to 5 pm, catering to early morning hunger pangs, coffee mornings, lunches and tea time with lots of cake and goodies.

De Suikertuin's Gaston Verlaan and Willeke Volgers and their excellent team hosted an Open House

last Friday to show their friends, colleagues and neighbors the result of three months' of continuous and backbreaking work. As the exterior of the former family home changed into a mustard-and-cream dream, so did the interior and the kitchen. Inside the thick walls you see handmade, sturdy, wooden furniture by Frank Venis, gorgeous lamps, splashes of color courtesy of the cushions and many other nice details.

While many businesses in Oranjestad are suffering and even closing, the arrival of De Suikertuin to the Wilhelminastraat is sending a positive message, a shock wave, if you want. Gaston and Willeke believe that a great place that offers good food at reasonable prices has a future. And judging from the many overheard comments last Friday, so do their friends!

De Suikertuin has an extensive catering menu and it is also available for after-hour functions and parties, surprise baskets, breakfast-on-the-run, Breakfast in Bed, high teas and more. On Tuesday, June 9, for instance, the restaurant is already booked for its first wedding luncheon! For those who have not yet had a sneak peek at the stunning building: it is located at Wilhelminastraat 64 (582-6322).

Photos show the happy faces of Gaston Verlaan and Willeke Volgers and their many friends who came to wish them and De Suikertuin well. Among them celebrity Martijn van Mierloo, neighbors (Mario's Sports Shop and Masy Fral's Mr. and Mrs. Wever), Arion Wine Company's Govert van der Hout, Casa Tua's Isabella Kanaima-Rugebregt and countless others. Good luck, De Suikertuin! □





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Aruba Product Sampling Tour at Radisson



Donohue, Director of Group Sales, Western USA, Mylene Marques, Associate Director of Group Sales, Aruba, Karl Wentzel, Regional Sales Manager, Northeast USA and Lisette Carlo, Regional Sales

Manager, Southeast USA. Executive chef Hector Espinosa put together a delicious dinner menu, and oversaw his chef's interactive performance with the VIP visitors. □



PALM BEACH – The Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa is hosting a product sampling tour over the weekend in collaboration with De Palm DMS.

Participants of the Aruba Product Sampling Tour are top Meetings & Incentives Planners from North America and their island visit this weekend is designed to give them a taste of paradise at the Radisson, allowing them to experience the resort and its services first hand so they that could recommend it wholeheartedly to future large and small groups wishing to conduct meetings, trade fairs or conventions here.

Pictured here dinner under the stars orchestrated in their honor at the Radisson Aruba Resort, Spa & Casino, on the tropical pool deck.

The visiting dignitaries were welcomed by Mary

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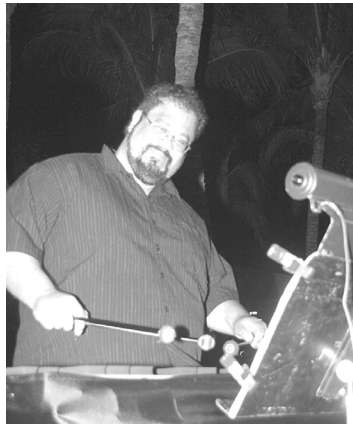
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De Palm Tours DMS teams with Radisson Aruba Resort

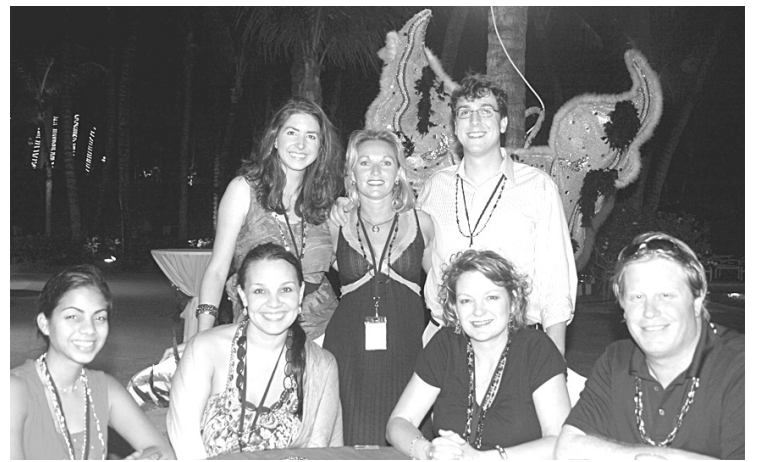


ORANJESTAD - Mary Donahue, Director of Group Sales for the Radisson Aruba Resort, Spa & Casino and Sharleen Hengeveld of De Palm Tours Destination Management Service teamed up to welcome a group of twenty incentive and group travel executives and guests to four days of VIP treatment at the resort and around Aruba. The FAM trip began with a casual evening around



the Radisson pool deck, which allowed the agents to experience the same sort of fabulous events the resort and De Palm DMS can deliver to their clients.

A carnival theme created a festive ambiance, gently punctuated by the music of noted jazz percussionist Carlos Bislip on the vibes,



and a notable buffet from the Radisson culinary team.

"This is one of the most expansive and extravagant pool areas I have seen anywhere," commented Terri Rea, senior travel planner for Corporate Incentives Travel out of Minneapolis, "I consider Aruba and the Radisson a first class destination for incentive and conference groups."

The others travel executives also reported being very impressed with the facilities

for groups they had seen at the Radisson, and the VIP service offered by De Palm Tours in every aspect of group planning. The remainder of their stay was spent experiencing Aruba's many attractions, compliments of De Palm Tours, including a sailing/snorkeling trip, a 4x4 adventure into Aruba's cunucu, and a day enjoying the many amenities to be found at De Palm Island on Aruba's south side. □

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by members of the organization or the 'Cas di Partido'.

The raffle is merely Afls. 5,- per ticket and Afls. 250,- per booklet.

The raffle draw of the great prizes will take place on the 4th of July ☐

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HAC would like to thank the organizing committee, the members and Dr. Mito Croes, who were present and assisted in making this event a successful one, the press who helped by promoting and the sponsors for their respective parts in this unforgettable event and last but not least the participants that came out to show their support. Not to mention the Police department and the

Happy winner of Aruba Bank at College Fair 2008

Christen Goeloe With Her New Blackberry



ORANJESTAD - During the College Fair 2008 all the registered students who visited the Aruba Bank Booth had the opportunity to win a new "BlackBerry" cell-phone when they opened a special student bank account with Aruba Bank prior to the 19th of December 2008. On the adjoining photo one can note the excited smile of Christen Goeloe with her new "BlackBerry". In this manner Aruba Bank wishes to congratulate their new clients, especially the future executives and experts of tomorrow, that are now preparing to continue their advanced studies either abroad or locally. ☐

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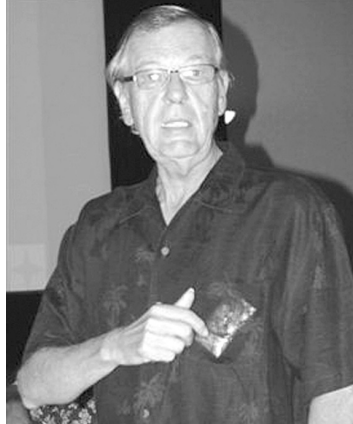
PALM BEACH – AHATA, the Aruba Hotel & Tourism Association is hosting a destination review this weekend in collaboration with the Aruba Convention Bureau and other AHATA partners.

Participants of the Destination Review are top Meetings & Incentives Planners from North America and their island visit this weekend is designed to give them a taste of paradise, allowing them to



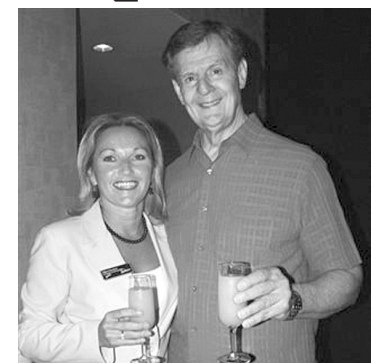
experience Aruba first hand so they that could recommend it wholeheartedly to future large and small groups wishing to conduct meetings, trade fairs or conventions here.

Pictured here the Thursday morning presentation and mini trade fair orchestrated in their honor at the Radisson Aruba Resort, Spa & Casino. The visiting dignitaries were welcomed by Rob Smith, President and CEO of AHATA, the Aruba Hotel & Tourism Association; Gary Jutz, General Manager Radisson Aruba Resort Spa & Casino, Mary Donohue, Director of Group Sales, Western USA,



Karl Wentzel, Regional Sales Manager, Northeast USA and Lissette Carlo, Regional Sales Manager, Southeast USA. Executive chef Hector

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of exquisite fish, yellow rice and rich vegetables," Chef Marc says. With a smile he adds "And that just for US\$ 20!"

And right he is, as the platter has been a hit from the start. Served with a bottle of white wine this fish feast is truly a delight on your Monday night.

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PALM BEACH – The health and calorie conscious among us need fear steakhouses no more. Whether it's a low-carb, low-fat, or even vegetarian diet you follow, Texas de Brazil Churrascaria fits into just about every dieter's menu plan.

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The Brazilian-style steakhouse also offers a garden full of healthy eats on a lavish 40-item seasonal salad bar, giving dieters plenty to choose from to accompany the

slow-roasted meats. A selection of fresh lettuces and vegetables may be standard for most salad bars, but **Texas de Brazil's** version goes a gourmet twist further, treating the palate to additional items like marinated portabella mushrooms, sweet roasted bell peppers, hearts of palm, sundried tomatoes, imported cheeses—including fresh buffalo mozzarella—sushi, home-made soups, and much more.

The salad bar is included in the continuous service meal with unlimited choices from the grilled meats, but for vegetarians or the non-meat eaters, a special price is offered for just the salad bar. Of course, for those looking to splurge while on vacation, **Texas de Brazil** will gladly serve their garlic mashed potatoes, traditional fried plantains, and their world-famous parmesan cheese bread as part of the meal.

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Malmokweg – While Gold Coast is Aruba’s freshest concept in tropical living and has only been open for about a year, the man at the helm, General Manager Ed Malone is celebrating a double digit anniversary in hospitality in Aruba this month.

Ed recalls arriving here at the end of May 1987 as the designated new General Manager of the just acquired, re-flagged and re-opened Americana Aruba Beach Resort & Casino, working for RJS hospitality out of Houston, Texas.

“I arrived in time for Aruba’s big tourism boom,” he says, “the island was on the cusp of quantum-leaping from a sleepy Caribbean isle, to a branded, upscale destination, and I have enjoyed a front-row seat to its performance ever since. Aruba had me at hello,” he adds.

Having spent eleven years at the Americana, renovating the first tower and building the second, along with Aruba’s first free-form swimming pool, Ed also spent a good portion of his time in service of the industry here. He joined the Aruba Hotel & Tourism Association practically on the day he arrived and assumed the reins as vice president for three years, as president for six and as a board member for seven, actively contributing to the decision making process, which made Aruba one of the most prosperous and popular islands in the region, in the last two decades.

These years were also rewarding professionally as Ed won the coveted General Manager of the

year title twice in a row, in 1993 and 1994. In 1996 Ed received the highest honor possible being named the Golden Conch Award recipient, as the Caribbean Hotelier of the Year, an honor bestowed annually to the ultimate leader of the industry by the Caribbean Hotel Association.

Typical of the end of the 90s, and the transient nature of the hotel business, Ed’s resort was sold to a new operating company prompting him to create his own consulting firm. As a hospitality consultant Ed worked with Lionstone Hotels, and the Aruba Investment Banks on various hospitality projects in the following years.

At the same time his long-term affiliation with the Caribbean Hotel Association came to fruition. Having served as board member and vice president of the organization throughout his career, in 1998 the CHA elected him President of the association, which represents the entire spectrum of hospitality including 36 national hotel associations across the Caribbean, over 850 hotel members with about 125,500 rooms, and more than 600 supplier companies represented as ‘Allied’ members of the association.

It was a giant undertaking and Ed enjoyed his time as President, representing Aruba and traveling extensively through the region, the Americas and Europe, speaking on behalf of the Caribbean’s most important economic pillar and at the end of his term he naturally was asked to remain as Chairman

At Gold Coast

Ed Malone celebrates a double digit anniversary

of the Board for the association for two more years.

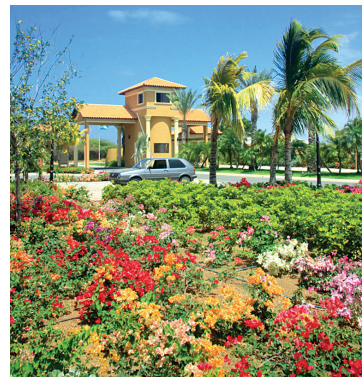
Ed is today still involved with the CHA an one of the association’s Honorary Directors, contributing to the decision making process, which makes the Caribbean one of the most prosperous and popular tourism destination on the planet.

In April of 2008 Ed was recruited by the developers of Gold Coast, to operate the growing and popular Resort Residential Community. The hard-working and visionary Croes family conceived the Gold Coast community so guests could enjoy true Aruban hospitality blended with comfort and luxury and a sense of “being home.”

Ed always relates to friends that while the work-load is intense and the hours long, the opportunity to work with brilliant people, driven and ethical, is of great value to him and fuels his own motivation.

Located on Malmokweg, just across from the famed Tierra del Sol Resort, Country Club & Spa, Gold Coast offers 2 and 3 bedroom town homes and villas, tastefully furnished rooms and living areas, fully equipped kitchens, private balconies and backyard terraces, brimming with ambiance, privacy and style. Gold Coast resort amenities within the community include two swimming pools, children’s pool, barbecue grills, 24-hour gated security, and concierge services.

A vacation rental program has recently been introduced and



the inventory of rental homes is expected to total up to 40 by the end of the year.

The rental program, Ed explains, offers a unique alternative vacation product and provides an ideal



opportunity for those looking to invest in an island home to “sample” the island lifestyle experience offered to homeowners, even before making the purchase. And the property and its growing network of home owners, and visionary developers has Ed’s unwavering commitment to beauty, quality, design, style, security, and the convenience of the 26 acres of lush landscaping, picturesque plazas, fountains, and a full service

clubhouse & spa, making up the heart of Gold Coast.

In addition to his responsibilities at Gold Coast, Ed continues to also pursue other tourism industry passions which include the development of tourism education within the school curriculums and the promotion of Aruba as a premier meetings, conventions and incentive destination.

Ed has consistently and actively supported interaction and

involvement with the vocational school EPI, and university hospitality students, and is also currently serving as co-chairman of Aruba’s SITE Host Committee for the upcoming Site International Conference, October 30th to November 2nd, with members of the Society of Incentive & Travels Executives from all over the world convening here for an important business forum, which will bring together the top minds in incentive travel, a multi-billion dollar global industry.

The visitors will enjoy three days of educational sessions, vendor showcases, roundtables, networking events, gala dinners and much more, and Ed shares a lot of the responsibility for making the mega event happen. Have no fear, his experience as a hotelier and as the Aruba Hotel & Tourism Association special project consultant taught him everything there is to know about destination marketing, human resources, advocacy, special



events, sales and marketing for large groups, meetings and incentives, he is the perfect man for the job, and he will get it done!

Ed’s reputation is well documented. This is a tourism and hospitality professional who understands the significance of hard work and perseverance. In the end, despite the challenges

of times, Ed’s personal drive, patience and energy are never ending, and success always follows.

“I came to Aruba for work,” Ed muses, “and found a home,” and it is very apparent that Ed’s heart is here, at Gold Coast, with the Croes family, with SITE, with the students, juggling with caring, work and life. □

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PALM BEACH – A group of meeting planners from North American were guests of the Westin Aruba Resort for a toes in the sand family style dinner, under the stars. Hosted by Richard Roy, General Manager, Ramiro



Rafael of the Food & Beverage department, and Patrick Donovan of Sales & Marketing, the special menu put together by Executive Chef Gerard Coste and Executive Sous Chef Oswaldo Molina, consisted of Cunucu fresh tuna salad, lobster in avocado with hot Madame Jeanette mayonnaise, mixed greens with papaya relish and ginger dressing followed by Caribbean seafood chowder and as main courses Aruban cucumber stew with pork, keshi yena, a famous island delicacy, black Angus tenderloin wrapped in bacon, macadamia nut crusted grouper served on funchi with plantain and coconut shrimp followed by chocolate fondue, ile flotante, cocada, white truffles and chocolate mouse cappuccino, to steel band music, in a torch lit ambiance.

Pictured here, an unforgettable night on Palm Beach. □





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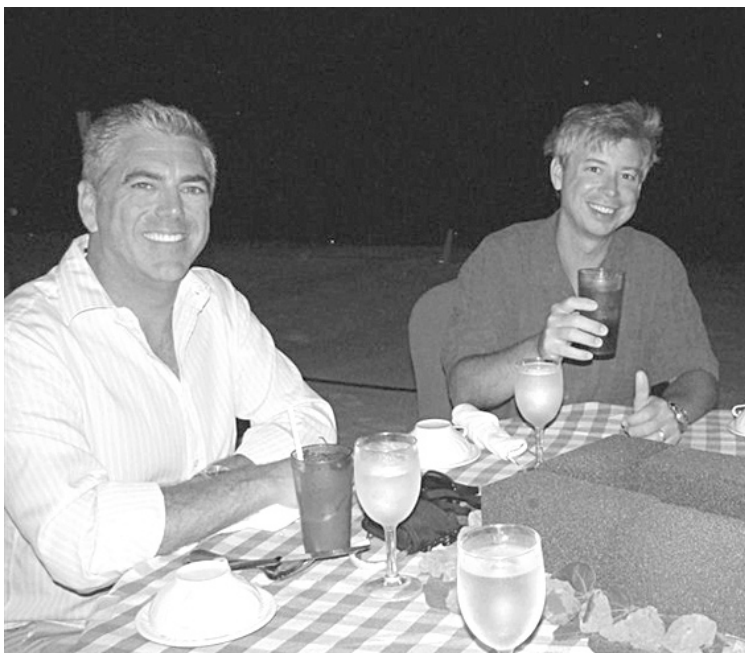
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Chrysler dealers scramble to unload vehicles



In this May 26, 2009 photo, liquidation signs fill the windshields of new cars in the showroom of the Timberline Dodge dealership in Portland, Ore. Chrysler dealers who will lose their right to sell new cars on Tuesday, June 9, 2009 need to sell the remaining cars and trucks on their lot or face getting stuck with them.

(AP Photo/Don Ryan)

By BREE FOWLER,
AP Auto Writer

Peter J. Walsh, the owner of Walsh Dodge in Jersey City, N.J., started out selling used cars in his hometown 28 years ago after the birth of his daughter. He slowly built his business, and felt as if he'd finally made it when he earned his Chrysler shingle in 2000. But on Tuesday, Walsh Dodge will lose that shingle — as will 788 other dealers across the country. Auburn Hills, Mich.-based Chrysler has asked a bankruptcy court for permission to terminate the franchise agreements of about 25 percent of its dealers. Chrysler needs to cut costs, and claims current sales levels don't justify a

network of 3,189 dealers.

For Walsh and the others on the "hit list," the last days of selling Dodge, Jeep and Chrysler vehicles have been filled with quick sales at deep discounts, along with sad goodbyes from longtime customers and feelings of dismay and anger toward the automaker they worked with for years.

"It is what it is. It's just a tough situation," Walsh said, speaking inside his dealership Saturday morning.

"It's been difficult mentally the past couple of months, but we'll be OK. I don't feel as bad for myself as I do for the young guys with families that work for me."

Chrysler maintains that the

franchises singled out for termination were chosen because they weren't profitable, didn't have all of the automaker's three brands under one roof, or were located too close to another Chrysler dealer.

But the dealers argued in court that a smaller dealer base won't save the company any substantial money. They say the dealers cover their own costs, paying for everything from the vehicles on their lots to employees, advertising and tools.

Walsh said that while Chrysler's products were good, its dealer support was always poor — too focused on the automaker's own short-term needs.

And while he might have been underperforming some of Chrysler's sales criteria, Walsh claims some of that was the automaker's fault, pointing to its insistence that he sell more pickup trucks — a vehicle unsuited to the densely populated urban strip he serves across the Hudson River from New York City.

"How many Dodge pickups can I sell in Jersey City? It's not Waco, Texas," Walsh said. A court hearing that began Thursday in New York with testimony from over a dozen dealers is scheduled to continue with legal arguments on Tuesday. U.S. Judge Arthur

Gonzalez is expected to rule after the arguments conclude. Steven Landry, Chrysler's executive vice president of North American sales, said Tuesday's deadline remains fixed. Dealers can sell the vehicles after that date, but they won't be able to offer Chrysler sales incentives, making it tough for them to compete. "We won't be changing any dealers on the list.

We won't be changing the date," he said.

Landry said Chrysler had commitments for the inventory of 42,000 vehicles on the lots of the affected dealers. Dealers have sold 16,000 vehicles to customers since the May 14 announcement and Landry said the remaining 26,000 cars and trucks would be purchased by remaining dealers.

Chuck Eddy, a Youngstown, Ohio, dealer who was among those chosen to remain with Chrysler, said dealers have quickly bought up the inventory of those going out of business and are preparing for the transition.

"I have no fire sale going on. There's no dealer in my town who was terminated having a fire sale," Eddy said. "People are buying the car for the true value."

At the Viva Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge in El Paso, Texas, finance manager Jay Welsh said news of financial trouble with Chrysler and the upcoming terminations of other dealerships has done little to deter new car buyers. The dealership, which sells all three of Chrysler's brands and escaped termination, sold between 55 and 65 cars a month in April and May, compared with an average of about 25 cars a month in January, February and March, he said.

A few buyers have questioned the viability of warranties, while others have been looking for "fire sale" prices that the dealership has yet to offer, he said.

But other dealers said they moved quickly after finding out they were losing their franchise agreements, hoping to keep their losses to a minimum.

By late last week, Dale Horn,

owner of a Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep dealership in Malvern, Ark., had sold 30 of the 35 cars and trucks he had when the company told him that his franchise would be yanked.

Horn said that in exchange for its help unloading the vehicles, Chrysler wanted him to sign papers allowing it to shop the inventory "at a figure less than it cost me." Instead, he decided to try to sell it all himself, taking losses on all but a few, while making tiny profits on the others.

"In essence, I paid people to take some of my cars," he said. "It's just not a pleasant deal. If I'm as small as I am, having the problems that I'm having, I feel so bad for the guys that have got 200 in inventory, or 300," he said.

At other dealers, longtime customers have showed up to both buy a car and say goodbye. Janet Reuther Schopp, dealer and general manager at Reuther Chrysler Jeep in suburban St. Louis, said former customers and people she'd never seen before came in to help whittle down her already scaled-back inventory of 125 vehicles.

"It was a huge show of respect for us," said Schopp, who continues a family business her father started 50 years ago. "They thought it was the right thing to do."

A neighbor sent her niece in to buy.

Her attorney bought two cars for him and his wife. A stranger who lost his job made a point of driving out of his way to buy at Reuther and a Boeing employee in St. Louis bought a car from her on principle. Nearly all of them paid full price.

Mike Lobb, general manager of Dave Croft Motors, in Collinsville, Ill., outside St. Louis, will try to survive by selling used cars and running a service center, but still held out hope Saturday that a reprieve might come from Chrysler or the bankruptcy court.

Croft, which normally has 350 new cars on the lot, is down to 100 vehicles. Eighty of his sales in the last three weeks have been to longtime customers. □

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Market rally hits 3 months, raising questions

By TIM PARADIS,
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK – Three months can feel like a long time on Wall Street.

In the stock market, where news about companies and the economy dictate buy and sell decisions in a matter seconds, the market's powerful rally is getting pretty old to some experienced players.

Traders have been laying down bets on modest signs that the economy is halting its slide.

That optimism has lifted the Standard & Poor's 500 index, a benchmark for many investments like mutual funds, an enormous 39 percent from a 12-year low on March 9. Those kinds of gains might normally take four years to materialize.

Some analysts are asking whether ebullient investors have been too quick to shed their caution.

Another round of economic data this week could help determine whether the gains will hold.

"Are we getting ahead of ourselves in terms of market levels? I believe that we are and I think investors would be wise to take some profits off the table," said Walter Gerasimowicz, chairman and chief executive of Meditron Asset Management.

The rally has added 2,220 points the Dow Jones

industrial average to put it within a dozen points of being flat for the year. But the Dow is still down 5,400 points from its high of 14,164.53 in October 2007.

Green arrows began popping up on stock screens three months ago this week as traders determined that the economy was likely to sidestep a ruinous fall marked by the Great Depression and instead muddle through the worst recession in decades.

But some analysts contend that investors are in danger of setting expectations too high for how quickly the economy can recover from the recession that started in December 2007.

"When the predictions become less dour I think that introduces the possibly of disappointment," said Jeff Knight, head of asset allocation at Putnam Investments. "You don't have any evidence yet that things have actually gotten any better."

Even if the worst is over for the economy, investors are still staring at a long list of worries. Housing remains in a funk and unemployment sits at a 26-year high.

The government said Friday that employers shed 345,000 jobs last month, the fewest since September. But unemployment is still a high 9.4 percent after four straight

months of slowing layoffs.

Even brightening prospects for the economy could trip up the markets. Besides risking overconfidence, investors are helping push interest rates higher.

They're selling off Treasuries, no longer in need of the safety of government debt, and that in turn forces up rates on mortgages and other kinds of loans for consumers. "Where do you go from here? I think it's dangerous to take a strong view one way or the other at the moment," Knight said.

Analysts say that even if the economy begins to grow, it likely will take some time before consumers hit by lost jobs, lower home values and

tighter access to credit start spending more.

On Thursday, the Commerce Department releases its May retail sales report. Retailers last week reported mixed results but some analysts were surprised that more shoppers hadn't returned to stores.

Gerasimowicz contends consumers, whose spending accounts for more than two-thirds of U.S. economic activity, could hold back the economy's recovery if they continue to hunker down.

"The consumer has to be out there," Gerasimowicz said.

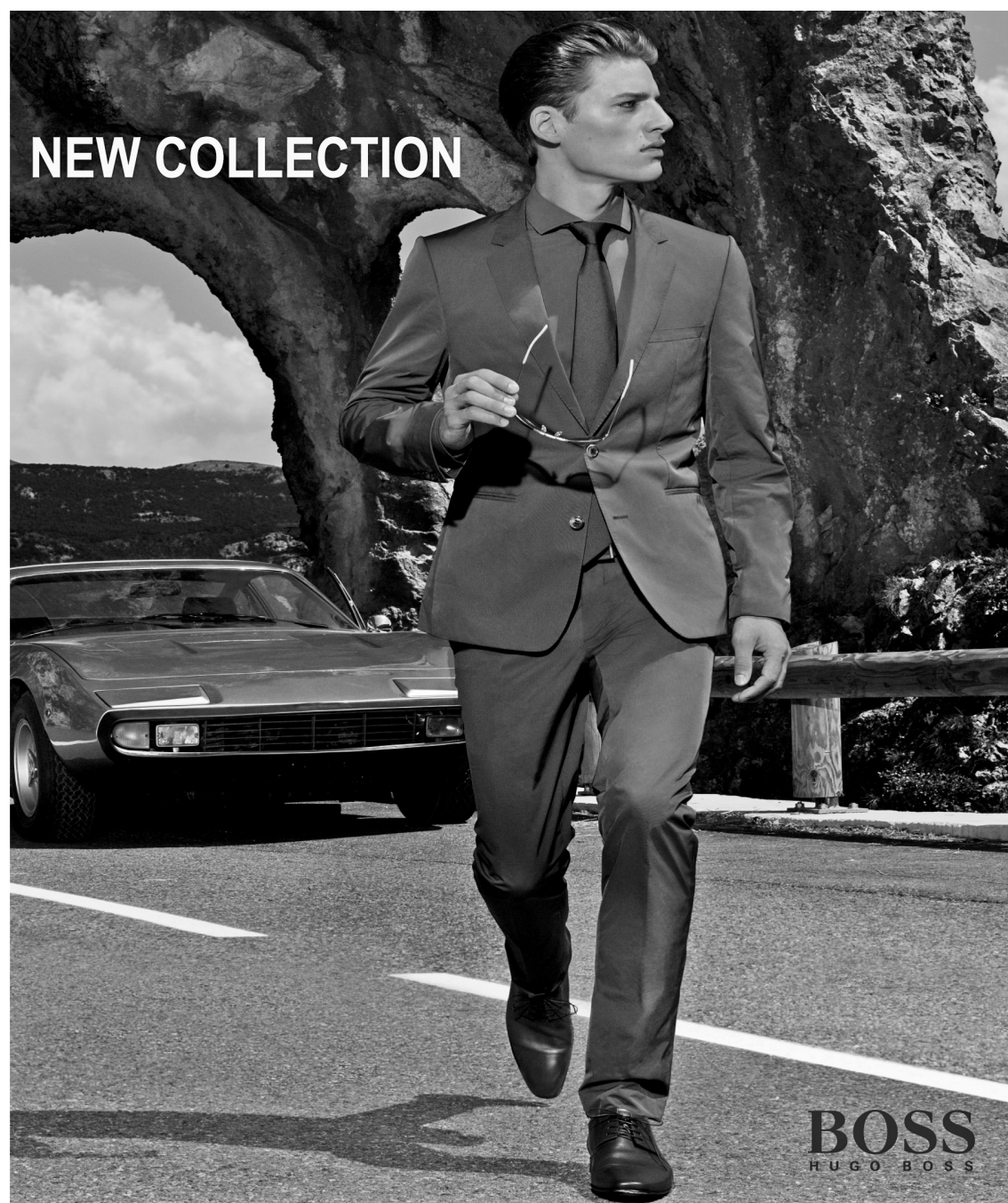
The Federal Reserve reported last week that consumer borrowing in April fell by twice as much as analysts

had been expecting.

Investors also expect to focus this week on the Fed's Beige Book, which provides readings on the U.S. economy by region.

The report is due Wednesday and arrives two weeks before policymakers' next meeting. The Commerce Department on Tuesday is expected to release wholesale trade inventories for April. On Wednesday, the agency reports on the nation's trade balance.

On Thursday, the Commerce Department reports on April business inventories and on Friday, the Reuters/University of Michigan issues its first reading on consumer sentiment for June. □



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Carradine family takes action on probe, photos



A copy of Thailand's Daily Xpress newspaper reporting the obituary of actor David Carradine, is seen at a newsstand in Bangkok on Friday, June 5, 2009. Carradine, star of the 1970s TV series 'Kung Fu' who also had a wide-ranging career in the movies, has been found dead in the Thai capital, Bangkok.

(AP Photo/Sakchai Lalit)

By ANTHONY MCCARTNEY, Carradine's family members, AP Entertainment Writer dissatisfied with Thai LOS ANGELES — David investigators and "profoundly

disturbed" by the publication of a forensics photo in a Bangkok tabloid, are seeking help from the FBI and an independent pathologist and have threatened legal action against any media outlet that reprints images of the actor in death.

Keith Carradine has filed reports with the FBI that could lead to the agency's involvement, said Mark Geragos, attorney for the "Kung Fu" actor's half-brother. The FBI confirmed that Carradine's family had contacted the agency.

The family will also seek an independent autopsy by famed forensic pathologist Dr. Michael Baden to determine whether another person could have been involved, Geragos said. Results of an autopsy performed Friday in Bangkok were not expected for at least three weeks.

A chambermaid found Carradine's body Thursday at Bangkok's Swisshotel Nai Lert Park Hotel. Thai authorities said they have all but ruled out foul play, based on surveillance footage and interviews with hotel staff that indicate no one was in Carradine's room before he died, said Col. Somprasong Yenthum, who is heading the investigation.

A grainy photo published on the Saturday cover of the tabloid Thai Rath shows a naked body suspended from a clothes bar in a hotel closet, hands apparently bound

together above the head and feet on the floor. The face is blacked out and other areas are obscured.

The paper did not indicate the source of the image, but Thai police said they believed it was a picture of Carradine's body taken by a forensics team.

Keith Carradine said in a statement that the family was "profoundly disturbed by the release in Thailand of photographs taken at the scene of David Carradine's death," and threatened legal action against further distribution.

"The family wants it understood that, per attorney Mark Geragos, any persons, publications or media outlets will be fully prosecuted for invasion of privacy and causing severe emotional distress if the photos are published," the statement read.

The actor's family hopes the body will arrive in Los Angeles by Monday, Geragos said, but he did not give specifics.

Geragos said the family decided to intervene because of conflicting information about Carradine's death and a lack of direct information from Thai authorities.

"All we really know is not much more than what the public knows, and that's disturbing," Geragos said.

Agents were checking with the FBI's legal attache at the U.S. Embassy in Bangkok to see if Thai authorities "are requesting or would welcome

FBI assistance in this matter." FBI spokeswoman Laura Eimiller said the agency generally only gets involved in death investigations overseas if a crime is suspected.

Investigators initially said Carradine's body was found "naked, hanging in a closet," causing them to suspect he had taken his own life. But his family, friends and representatives have said they doubt the 72-year-old actor would have killed himself.

Police later said the actor may have died from accidental suffocation or heart failure after revealing that he was found with a rope tied around his wrist, neck and genitals — leading to speculation that Carradine may have engaged in a dangerous form of sex play known as auto-erotic asphyxiation.


But Geragos said he expects the examination by the New York-based Baden, a celebrity among forensic pathologists who frequently consults on high-profile cases, will clear up many unanswered questions.

"It's an amazing thing what a good pathologist can accomplish," Geragos said.

Carradine flew to Thailand last week and began work on a film titled "Stretch" two days before his death. His friends and associates told CNN's Larry King he had a happy marriage, recently bought a new car, and had several films lined up after he finished work in Bangkok. A martial arts practitioner himself, Carradine was best known for the U.S. TV series "Kung Fu," which aired from 1972-75. He played Kwai Chang Caine, an orphan who was raised by Shaolin monks and fled China for the American West after killing the emperor's nephew in retaliation for the murder of his kung fu master.

Carradine also appeared in more than 100 feature films with such directors as Martin Scorsese, Ingmar Bergman and Hal Ashby. He returned to the top in recent years as the title character in Quentin Tarantino's two-part saga "Kill Bill."

Funeral arrangements have not been announced. □



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Giorgio's Ristorante Italiano introduces Menu Turistico



Eagle Beach -- Giorgio's Ristorante Italiano located at the heart of the low-rise hotels at the Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa, delivers authentic Mediterranean flavors, at a reasonable price. The restaurant has just introduced Menu Turistico a three-course dinner featuring appetizers, main courses and desserts for just \$19.95, per person, plus 15% service charge.

Patrons may choose between home made soup and Caesar salad, Fettuccini Alfredo, Lasagna Casarecia, Spaghetti alla Bolognese or any favorite pizza with Tiramisu, Cheese Cake or Ice Cream for the sweet finale.

Posing with Angelo the Italian maitre D' at Giorgio's, Mr and Mrs. Klaus, from Pennsylvania, 2nd time repeaters in Aruba at the Manchebo, the trip was a birthday present from him to her and since they are celebrating their 40th anniversary in November, they are already thinking about coming back, they enjoyed Menu Turistico and recommend it wholeheartedly! □

Eagle Beach – The French Steakhouse at the Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa just added another charming dining option, a tropical outdoor courtyard, featuring delicious cuisine under the stars.

The famed French Steakhouse prides itself on the elegant dining experience it offers patrons in the fully air-conditioned dining room. Yet recently the idea of adding a garden spot to the existing blueprint began to sprout in the creative mind of Executive Chef George Hoek, and he immediately recruited the landscapers to create the intimate, lovely setting.

The French Steakhouse Ooh-La-La menu is now served indoor and alfresco, featuring creative appetizers, soups, salads, seafood dishes, poultry and the Pièce de Résistance South American & USDA Beef specialties.

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U.S. soldiers pack as they prepare to leave their base in Baghdad, Iraq, Tuesday, June 2, 2009. Under an agreement with Iraqi government, all US combat troops must leave Iraqi cities to garrisons outside the towns by the June 30 2009.

Associated Press

APNewsBreak: Major problems found in war spending

WASHINGTON – This is one Christmas gift U.S. taxpayers don't need. Construction of a \$30 million dining facility at a U.S. base in Iraq is scheduled to be completed Dec. 25. But the decision to build it was based on bad planning and botched paperwork.

The project is too far along to stop, making the mess hall a future monument to the waste and inefficiency plaguing the war effort, according to an independent panel investigating contracting in Iraq and Afghanistan.

In its first report to Congress, the Wartime Contracting Commission presents a bleak assessment of how tens of billions of dollars have been spent since 2001. The 111-page report, obtained by The Associated Press, documents poor management, weak oversight, and a failure to learn from past mistakes as recurring themes in wartime contracting. The report is scheduled to be made public Wednesday at a hearing held by the House Oversight and Government Reform's national security subcommittee.

U.S. reliance on contractors has grown to "unprecedented proportions," says the bipartisan commission, established by Congress last year. More than 240,000 private sector employees are supporting military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. Thousands more work for the State Department and U.S. Agency for International Development.

But the government has no central data base

of who all these contractors are, what services they provide, and how much they're paid. The Pentagon has failed to provide enough trained staff to watch over them, creating conditions for waste and corruption, the commission says.

In Iraq, the panel worries that as U.S. troops depart in larger numbers, there will be too few government eyes on the contractors left to oversee the closing of hundreds of bases and disposal of mountains of federal property.

At Rustamiyah, a seven-acre forward operating base turned over to the Iraqis in March, the military population plunged from 1,490 to 62 in just three months. During the same period, the contractor population dropped from 928 to 338, leaving more than five contractors for every service member.

In Afghanistan, where President Barack Obama has ordered a large increase of U.S. troops, existing bases will have to expand and new ones will be built — without proper oversight unless the Pentagon rapidly changes course.

One commander in Afghanistan told the commission he had no idea how many contractors were on and off his base on a daily basis.

Another officer said he had property all over his installation but didn't know who owned it or what kind of shape it was in.

There are questionable construction projects in Afghanistan, too.

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Suspect in doctor's death warns of violence



Scott Roeder makes his first court appearance via a video link from the Sedgwick County Jail on Tuesday, June 2, 2009 in Wichita, Kan. Roeder, 51, has been charged with first-degree murder in the death of late-term abortion provider Dr. George Tiller. Judge Ben Burgess ordered Roeder to be held without bond, and said he was not allowed to communicate with Tiller's family. The judge also told Roeder that he would be assigned a public defender.

Associated Press

ROXANA HEGEMAN

Associated Press Writer

WICHITA, Kansas (AP) — The man charged with killing a prominent abortion provider claimed Sunday that more violence is possible as long as the medical procedure is allowed to continue, giving his warning in calls that also focused on complaints about his treatment in jail.

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In this photo released by Brazil's Air Force, officers recover debris belonging to the Air France Flight 447 in the Atlantic Ocean, Sunday, June 7, 2009. Four more bodies were found Sunday bobbing in the ocean near the spot where an Air France jet is believed to have crashed a week ago, bringing the total number of bodies plucked from the water to six, Brazil's military said.

Associated Press

15 more bodies found in Atlantic Air France crash

ALAN CLENDENNING

RECIFE, Brazil (AP) — Search ships methodically worked through a "sea of debris" from a doomed Air France jet Sunday, recovering 15 more bodies near the spot where the Airbus A330 is believed to have gone down a week ago.

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This photo provided by attorney Daniel J. Callahan shows a vehicle driven by contractors working for Blackwater, now known as Xe, wrecked during a May 5, 2009 attack in Kabul, Afghanistan, photographed in a Kabul police yard on Wednesday May 20, 2009.

WAR SPENDING

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The commission visited the New Kabul Compound, a building intended to serve as headquarters for U.S. forces in Afghanistan. But members saw cracks in the structure, broken and leaking pipes,

sinking sidewalks and other defects.

"The Army should not have accepted a building in such condition," the report says. The commission cites concerns with a massive support contract known as "LOGCAP" that provides

troops with essential services, including housing, meals, mail delivery and laundry.

Despite the huge size and importance of the contract, the main program office managing the work for both Afghanistan and Iraq has only 13 government employees.

Associated Press

For administrative help, it must rely on a contractor.

KBR Inc., the primary LOGCAP contractor in Iraq, has been paid nearly \$32 billion since 2001. The commission says billions of dollars of that amount ended up wasted due to poorly defined work orders, inadequate oversight and contractor inefficiencies. In one example, defense auditors challenged KBR after it billed the government for \$100 million in costs for private security even though the contract prohibited the use of for-hire guards.

KBR has defended its performance and criticized the commission for making "biased" statements against the company.

"As we look back on what we've done, we're real proud of being able to go into a war theater like that as a private contractor and support 200,000 troops," William P. Utt, chairman of the Houston-based KBR, said in May interview with AP reporters and editors.

KBR is also linked to the dining hall construction snafu, although the commission faults the military's planning and not the contractor. With American forces scheduled

to be out of Iraq by the end of 2011, the U.S. will use the new facility for two years at most.

In July 2008, the Army said a new dining facility was badly needed at the Camp Delta forward operating base because the existing one was too small, had a saggy ceiling, poor lighting and an unsanitary wooden floor.

KBR was awarded a contract in September. Work began in late October as American and Iraqi officials were negotiating the agreement setting the dates for the U.S. troop withdrawal. But during an April visit to Camp Delta, the commission learned that the existing mess hall had just been renovated. The \$3.36 million job was done by KBR and completed in June 2008. Commission staff toured the renovated hall "without seeing or hearing of any problems or shortfalls," the report says.

The decision to push ahead with the new hall was based on paperwork that was never updated and a failure to review the need for the project after the security agreement was signed. Most of the materials have been ordered and construction is well under way. That means canceling the project would save little money because KBR would have a legitimate claim for payment based on the investment it has already made.

The commission urges commanders in Iraq to review thoroughly all ongoing construction and improvement projects and only continue those essential to the life, health and safety of U.S. troops. □



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DOCTOR'S DEATH

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Scott Roeder, being held on charges of first-degree murder and aggravated assault in the killing of Dr. George Tiller one week ago, called The Associated Press from the Sedgwick County jail.

Tiller, whose Wichita clinic was among only a few in the U.S. performing third-trimester abortions, was shot while serving as an usher at the Lutheran church he attended.

"I know there are many other similar events planned around the country as long as abortion remains legal," Roeder said.

He would not elaborate.

Tiller's clinic in Wichita had been a target of regular demonstrations by abortion opponents. Most were peaceful, but his clinic was bombed in 1986 and he was shot in both arms in 1993. In 1991, a 45-day "Summer of Mercy" campaign organized by the anti-abortion group Operation Rescue drew thousands of protesters to Wichita, and there were more than 2,700 arrests.

Jim Cross, a spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office, did not have an immediate comment Sunday on Roeder's statement.

The Justice Department opened an investigation Friday to see if the gunman who killed Tiller had accomplices. The DOJ said its Civil Rights Division and the U.S. attorney's office in Kansas will seek to determine if the killing violated a 1994 law creating criminal penalties for violent or damaging conduct toward abortion providers and their patients.

An attorney for the Tiller family, Dan Monnat, said he was not sure they should be dignifying Roeder's actions and threats with a response "every time he makes a hare-brained phone call."

"I am hopeful that state and federal authorities, including

homeland security, will give Mr. Roeder and his information a deserving response," Monnat said, declining to elaborate.

Hundreds of mourners attended Tiller's funeral on Saturday. Most anti-abortion groups avoided the service, having denounced Tiller's shooting.

Roeder, a 51-year-old abortion opponent, was arrested a few hours after the shooting just outside Kansas City.

He told the AP he refused to talk to investigators when he was arrested, and has made no statements to police since then.

"I just told them I needed to talk to my lawyer," Roeder said.

Asked if he shot Tiller, Roeder replied that he could not comment about that and said he needed to clear everything with his lawyer. □



Ex-US Rep. Jefferson faces federal bribery charges

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ALEXANDRIA, Virginia (AP) — Former U.S. Rep. William Jefferson faces several obstacles to being acquitted of bribery, racketeering and other federal charges — and topping the list is explaining the \$90,000 cash stashed in his freezer.

Jefferson, a Louisiana Democrat who represented parts of New Orleans until losing his bid for re-election last year, goes on trial Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Alexandria on allegations that he received more than \$400,000 in bribes in return for using his influence to broker business deals in Africa.

Defense attorneys are expected to attack the credibility of a witness who frequently wore a wire for the government. They have to hope a jury will accept a fairly legalistic distinction that Jefferson's conduct wasn't bribery, but was more technically akin to influence peddling. And there's the money in the freezer — \$90,000 wrapped in aluminum foil, found by federal agents in August 2005 in Jefferson's Washington home.

Just days earlier, agents videotaped him at a northern Virginia hotel accepting a suitcase stuffed with \$100,000

cash from a cooperating witness.

The freezer funds became such a headline that Robert Trout, Jefferson's lawyer, suggested at a recent hearing that potential jurors need to be reminded during the jury selection phase of the trial that the Jefferson case is the one about "the money in the freezer" to try to weed out jurors exposed to pretrial publicity.

U.S. District Judge T.S. Ellis III agreed the reminder would be appropriate.

Jefferson himself has said very little about the money. After he was arraigned and pleaded not guilty in June 2007, he said "when all the facts are understood, I trust that I will be vindicated."

He also emphasized that the \$90,000 was "the FBI's money" and given to him as part of their investigation of him. The cooperating witness who gave Jefferson the cash was Lori Mody, a northern Virginia business executive whose complaint to the FBI in March 2005 launched the probe against Jefferson. According to the indictment, Mody was becoming suspicious that Jefferson constantly was demanding cash to facilitate various business deals. She is expected to testify against the

former congressman.

Jefferson's lawyers have questioned whether Mody is a reliable witness and whether her memory can be trusted. They have sought records of Mody's mental health history and raised questions about possibly erratic behavior, including Mody's fears that she was being stalked.

Other allegations raised in court papers by Jefferson's lawyers remain under seal.

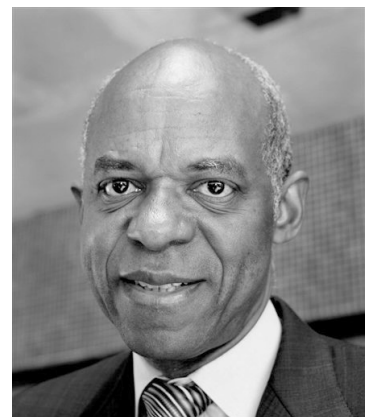
Prosecutors have accused Jefferson of trying to smear and intimidate Mody. They argue that Mody's memory of events is irrelevant when she was wearing a wire and the conversations in question have been recorded.

Trout has said his client has a constitutional right to confront witnesses, and that not all conversations between the two were recorded.

Mody's lawyer did not return calls seeking comment.

The most important question, though, might be a technical one — the issue of what constitutes bribery under federal law.

Bribery occurs when an officeholder receives something of value in exchange for an "official act." Defense lawyers argue that unless Jefferson took money in exchange for an official



In this Nov. 4, 2008 file photo, former U.S. Rep. William Jefferson, D-La. is shown in New Orleans. A former Louisiana lawmaker and three relatives of a former congressman pleaded not guilty Friday to charges they engaged in a scheme to pocket grant money earmarked for charitable and educational programs. A 34-count indictment handed up last month accuses former state Rep. Renee Gill Pratt of using her House position to help secure funding for non-profits operated by a brother, sister and niece of former U.S. Rep. William Jefferson, D-La.

Associated Press duty like voting on a bill or sponsoring legislation, it isn't illegal. It may be immoral influence peddling, they say — but not illegal.

Prosecutors offer a more expansive view: If Jefferson used the influence of his office to benefit constituents, then it falls under the bribery statute. George Jackson, a Chicago-based defense attorney with the Bryan Cave firm and a former federal prosecutor with expertise in political corruption cases, said bribery is a difficult crime to prove. □

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Republican senator irked at Obama over health care



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WASHINGTON (AP)

— A senior Republican senator whose involvement is key if there's going to be a bipartisan health care reform deal is responding angrily to President Barack Obama's latest comments on the issue.

Obama, after months of standing back and leaving the details of health care legislation to Congress, inserted himself firmly into the debate in recent days, including using his weekly radio address Saturday to declare "it's time to deliver" on health reform.

That did not sit well with the Sen. Chuck Grassley of Iowa, the top Republican on the Finance Committee, which has been laboring to come up with a health care bill that Democrats and Republicans can support. Grassley is a frequent user of Twitter — the Internet-based social connection service that allows users to send mass text messages called "tweets" — and he directed two angry "tweets" Sunday morning at Obama. The president was wrapping up an overseas trip with some time to tour Paris with his family.

Grassley's first tweet: "Pres Obama you got nerve while u sightseeing in Paris to tell us 'time to deliver' on health care. We still on skedul/ even workinWKEND."

A short time later: "Pres Obama while u sightseeing in Paris u said 'time to delivr on healthcare' When you are a 'hammer' u think evrything is NAIL I'm no NAIL."

A Grassley spokeswoman verified that Grassley was the author of the messages. Asked to respond to Grassley's Twitter commentary, White House spokesman Reid Cherlin said: "President Obama is gratified that the Senate is working hard to bring a health reform bill to the floor on schedule. He looks forward to continuing his work with them upon his return from the commemoration of Allied heroism at D-Day."

Grassley's attitude is significant because any hope for bipartisan consensus on health care rests on an alliance between Grassley and Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus, a Montana Democrat.

Despite strong opposition from most Republicans to one of Obama's key goals for a health care bill — the inclusion of a new government insurance plan to compete with private insurers — Baucus and Grassley have continued to hold out hope that they can find a solution that could garner bipartisan support.

Obama senior adviser David Axelrod cited Grassley in an interview on CBS television's "Face the Nation" Sunday morning as a reason there is hope for a health overhaul deal. Obama wants to sign legislation in the fall that would hold down costs and extend coverage to 50 million uninsured Americans.

"I would hope people of both parties would get together. I was encouraged by Sen. Grassley's comments in the last few days suggesting that he thought we could get there," Axelrod said. "So I think we'll be able to build a bipartisan support for it. But we have to move forward with it, I think it is a critical situation for the country and our economy and our future."

Obama has said repeatedly he wants a bipartisan bill. Although the Democratic-controlled Congress might be able to pass health care legislation with little or no Republican support, such a measure would be less widely accepted and less sustainable over time, Baucus and others have said.

But Obama's increased involvement appears to be diminishing chances for bipartisanship, not improving them. Grassley and other Republicans were also angered when Obama released a letter last week coming down strongly in favor of a new public insurance plan.

The next few weeks will be critical to the health care debate, with the Finance Committee to finalize legislation and begin voting in late June. Sen. Edward M. Kennedy's Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee has circulated draft legislation that is unlikely to garner Republican support because of the greatly expanded role it gives to government. The Finance Committee has been expected to produce a bill with a narrower role for government. □

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California contemplating rewrite of social contract

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SACRAMENTO, California (AP) — With empty pockets and maxed-out credit, California is debating whether it can continue honoring all parts of its social contract with the state's most vulnerable residents.

The state faces an unprecedented drop in tax revenue and a widening budget deficit amid the deepest recession in decades, prompting Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to propose cost-cutting steps that once seemed unthinkable.

At stake are programs for the poor, elderly and frail, placing millions of people in the most populous U.S. state at risk of falling through a decades-old social safety net.

Ending the welfare-to-work program for mothers and their children would affect some 546,000 families, and health insurance could be eliminated for 1 million children from low-income families. Services for Alzheimer's patients, disabled and other frail recipients of in-home care also would be greatly reduced under the governor's latest budget proposal, leaving more than 400,000 people without such support.

Schwarzenegger acknowledges that his proposals will be painful.

"I know the consequences of those cuts are not just dollars. I see the faces behind those dollars. ... I see the Alzheimer's patients losing some of their in-home support services," he told lawmakers last week. "It's an awful feeling, but we have no choice."

California stands apart from other states, at least for now, in considering solving its budget deficit with such deep cuts to core social services.

The state's projected \$24.3 billion deficit for the fiscal year that begins in July amounts to a quarter of its general fund. Schwarzenegger and Republicans in the Legislature say they will not raise taxes again, after agreeing to \$12.8 billion in sales, personal income and vehicle tax hikes earlier this year.

That leaves lawmakers with

few alternatives to severe spending cuts because, although Republicans are the minority party, they hold virtual veto power over the state budget. That is due to California's requirement that fiscal measures must be passed by a two-thirds vote in both houses of the state legislature. Melody Nolan is worried that the state will cut her in-home care. That would mean she could not see one of her many doctors for systemic lupus, an autoimmune illness that saps her of strength. Even though the 39-year-old Sacramento woman still would receive disability benefits and subsidized housing, she said she would lose her sense of independence and worries about ending up in a nursing home.

"Not being able to work is very hard on me. I'm a very goal-oriented person," Nolan said. "Not being able to take care of myself would just be devastating."

California spent 5.4 percent of all its state and federal funding on public assistance in 2007, compared to a national average of 1.7 percent. That doesn't include Medicaid and other social service spending. Ironically, while many of the programs to assist the frail and needy have their roots in the Great Depression of the 1930s, they may be undone by another great economic downturn.

The elimination or significant reduction of social service programs also cuts against President Barack Obama's economic recovery efforts and attempts to overhaul the nation's health care market.

"The movement is to expand coverage, not contract," said Rachel Klein, deputy director of health policy for Families USA, a consumer advocacy group based in Washington. "If California were to do it, it would certainly be an enormous step behind for the country."

California stands to lose billions in federal matching dollars if Schwarzenegger's proposals pass. Advocates have argued that his cutbacks would jeopardize even more money from the federal

stimulus program, but the Obama administration so far has granted waivers on that portion of funding for the state.

White House spokesman Adam Abrams acknowledged California's budget difficulties and said getting through the recession would require tough choices and shared sacrifices. There are few modern precedents to the level of social spending cuts being contemplated in California. In 1991, Michigan's Republican Gov. John Engler proposed ending general-assistance payments to single, able-bodied individuals with no dependents. His welfare reform plan was intended to encourage employment and eventually reduced the number of recipients, saving the state millions of dollars a year.

Conservatives say states still have a long list of assistance programs and few people would be left without any help.

Federally mandated programs such as food stamps, low-income housing, and Medicaid and Medicare — the U.S.



Carolina Fuentes and her daughter Katherine, 5, wait for an appointment at the Sacramento county welfare office in Sacramento, Calif., Monday, June 1, 2009. Fuentes, 22, a newly-single mother, doesn't qualify for benefits having crossed the U.S.-Mexico border as a teenage, applied for cash assistance, food stamps and health coverage of her daughter.

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health programs for low-income people, seniors and the disabled — will continue, said Robert Rector, a senior fellow at the conservative Heritage Foundation. Those programs received financial boosts under the federal recovery act.

"It's not removing the safety net because we have all of these other programs," Rector said.

While the federal recovery act

contains roughly \$140 billion for state budget shortfalls, the temporary boost has not been enough to prevent other states from cutting public services. Arizona has cut funding for a rehabilitation program that affects 4,700 children with chronic or disabling conditions, according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, a left-leaning think tank based in Washington. □

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AIR FRANCE
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In this photo released by Brazil's Air Force, a helicopter carries debris belonging to the Air France Flight 447 in the Atlantic Ocean, Sunday, June 7, 2009. Four more bodies were found Sunday bobbing in the ocean near the spot where an Air France jet is believed to have crashed a week ago, bringing the total number of bodies plucked from the water to six, Brazil's military said.

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Two bodies were recovered Saturday, and Brazilian and French ships picked up 15 more Sunday after pilots participating in a grid search reported additional sightings. The bodies have been found in an area about 45 miles (70 kilometers) from where the jet sent out messages signaling electrical failures and loss of cabin pressure. "We're navigating through a sea of debris," Brazilian Navy Capt. Giucemar Tabosa Cardoso said. Brazil's military was not releasing detailed information

about bodies or debris that have been spotted from the air but not taken aboard ships, after sea trash was mistaken last week for a cargo pallet from the plane, prompting criticism.

Flight 447 disappeared and likely broke up in midair in turbulent weather May 31 during a flight from Rio de Janeiro to Paris with 228 people aboard — all now presumed dead.

The investigation is increasingly focused on whether external instruments on the Airbus A330 may have iced over, confusing speed sensors and leading computers to set the plane's speed too fast or slow — a potentially deadly mistake.

The French agency investigating the disaster said airspeed instruments on the plane had not been replaced as the maker had recommended, but cautioned that it was too early to draw conclusions about what role that may have played in the crash.

The agency, BEA, said the plane received inconsistent airspeed readings from different instruments as it struggled in a massive thunderstorm.

France is leading the investigation into the cause of the crash, and will try to recover the plane's black box data and voice recorders, which could reveal why the jet crashed. Brazilian officials are focusing solely on the recovery of victims and plane wreckage.

In Brazil, Air Force Col. Henry Munhoz said nine bodies have been recovered by Brazilian authorities: four men, four women and one that was impossible to identify by gender. He said he did not have information about the genders of the eight bodies recovered by French military helicopters that were transferred to a French ship.

The search is focusing on a zone of several hundred square miles (square kilometers) roughly 400 miles (640 kilometers) northeast of the Fernando de Noronha islands off Brazil's northern coast.

Munhoz and Cardoso declined comment on the condition of the recovered bodies, saying that information would be too emotionally painful for relatives. □



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Shootout kills 16 gunmen, 2 soldiers in Acapulco

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ACAPULCO, Mexico (AP)

— It was a shootout straight from Hollywood in the former playground of its biggest stars: Outlaws holed up in a hillside mansion fought heavily armed Mexican soldiers with a rain of gunfire and grenades that had tourists cowering in hotels nearby.

Roughly 3,000 shots and 50 explosions marked the four-hour battle late Saturday that left 16 gunmen and two soldiers dead. Nine other people were wounded, including three bystanders.

More than a dozen Mexican tourists were evacuated from a neighboring hotel strip frozen in the 1950s, when Elizabeth Taylor held one of her many weddings in Acapulco and John Wayne and “Tarzan” star Johnny Weissmuller threw lavish parties at Los Flamingos Hotel less than 100 yards from where gunfire broke out.

Cindy Pelaquin and Michelle Johnson, both of Boston, were watching the famous Acapulco cliff divers less than a mile away. They saw the military roadblocks but heard nothing.

“We were just lucky I suppose,” said Johnson, a Boston nurse. One neighbor said it sounded like fireworks. But a Mexican tourist, whose group had just

arrived from the Mexico City area, immediately recognized the sound of gunshots and dove under a hotel bed.

The battle erupted after soldiers received a tip that a group of armed men were gathered at a gated house in a seedy section of Acapulco where working-class homes bleed into 1950s mansions. One hotel across from the street from the shootout offers three-hour stays for 30 pesos, about \$2.25.

Several gunmen tried to flee but crashed their car into a military Hummer that was blocking the gate. At one point, more armed men with grenades arrived to reinforce the men in the house, but they died in the shooting, said an army colonel, who led the operation and spoke on condition of anonymity for security reasons.

Inside, soldiers found four men bound and shirtless who claimed they were Guerrero state police officers being held hostage. The soldiers confiscated 47 guns, grenades and ammunition, as well as several cars, including a Mercedes Benz.

Five people inside the house were detained, including the four alleged officers, the Defense Department said in a statement.

Soldiers did not know the hostages were inside when the shootout began, and the colonel said their claims to be police would be investigated.

“We found them like this, handcuffed, and they say they were kidnapped. So if they were kidnapped, as they say, then we rescued them,” said the colonel, who gave reporters a tour of the house in a ski mask to protect his identity.

Military officials said they are still investigating who the gunmen are. But given the weapons stash, large home and late-model cars, it looked like the normal trappings for drug cartels. No drugs were found. Guerrero state, where Acapulco is located, has long suffered from drug violence from cartels fighting for turf. The Beltran Leyva cartel, in particular, has a strong presence in Acapulco. Last month, soldiers arrested a suspected cartel lieutenant as he stepped off a private plane in the northern city of Monterrey on his way back from Acapulco, where he said he’d met with cartel leader Arturo Beltran Leyva at a baptism party.

The premier resort town for America’s rich and famous in the ‘50s and ‘60s, Acapulco suffered a decline as traffic and urban sprawl took over



Soldiers hold a position during a gunfight in Acapulco, Mexico, Saturday, June 6, 2009. Soldiers fought for two hours with armed men apparently holding police hostage at a house in Acapulco, leaving one soldier and 15 gunmen dead, a military official said Sunday.

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the palm-swept ambiance. It was reborn in the 1980s as a popular resort for Mexicans, and the working class now flock to the old hotel zone, where they can buy a two-night stay and transportation for as little as \$50.

U.S. tourists also have returned during the past several years following construction of the new “Diamond Zone” strip of five-star hotels — on the other side of town from Saturday’s violence. Acapulco now ranks with Cancun as one of Mexico’s most-visited resort cities.

While tourism is usually low

this time of year, the start of the hurricane season in the Pacific, numbers are worse than usual after a swine-flu outbreak in late April that pushed hotel occupancy in Mexico to half its normal rate and prompted the cancellation of many flights and cruise ship visits. Hotel Los Flamingos, a pink building perched on a cliff where waiters climb trees to pull down coconuts for drinks, had few guests and only two rooms with foreign visitors, according to hotel workers who insisted they had not heard the shooting the night before. □

Lebanon's pro-Western majority declares victory



In this photo released by Lebanon's official government photographer Dalati Nohra, Lebanese leader of the pro-Western coalition Saad Hariri, speaks at his residence in Beirut, Lebanon, early Monday, June 8, 2009. Hariri said he extends his hand to the losing side at the Parliamentary Elections "to work together and seriously for the sake of Lebanon." He urged supporters to celebrate with respect. Hezbollah and its allies appear to have failed in their bid to unseat a pro-Western coalition in Lebanese elections Sunday, according to TV projections.

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BEIRUT (AP) — Lebanon's pro-Western coalition declared victory early Monday, as local television stations reported the faction had successfully

fended off a serious challenge by the Shiite militant group Hezbollah and its allies to grab the majority in parliament. Official results for Sunday's election were not expected until later Monday, but the winners

were already celebrating by shooting in the air, setting off fireworks and driving around in honking motorcades.

The election was an early test of President Barack Obama's efforts to forge Middle East peace. A win by Hezbollah would have boosted the influence of its backers Iran and Syria and risked pushing one of the region's most volatile nations into international isolation and possibly into more conflict with Israel.

"I present this victory to Lebanon," Prime Minister Fuad Saniora said on television after stations projected his pro-Western coalition was winning. "It is an exceptional day for democracy in Lebanon."

OTV, the television station of one of Hezbollah's key Christian allies, former army chief Michel Aoun, conceded that the party's candidates who challenged pro-Western competitors in several Christian districts had been

defeated, preventing a victory for the Hezbollah coalition. But Aoun was able to hang on to his representation in other districts.

Lebanese Broadcasting Corporation, a leading private Christian TV station, projected the pro-Western coalition to win 68 seats in the next parliament, with 57 for Hezbollah and its allies and three for independents.

That would almost replicate the deadlock that existed in the outgoing parliament, in which the pro-Western bloc had 70 seats and an alliance of Hezbollah and other Shiite and Christian factions had 58. The leader of the largest bloc in the pro-Western coalition, Saad Hariri, said early Monday in a televised speech that he extends his hand to the losing side "to work together and seriously for the sake of Lebanon." He urged supporters to celebrate without provoking opponents.

But despite the conciliatory

tone, Lebanon was at risk of sliding again into a political crisis over formation of the next government similar to the one that buffeted the country for most of the last four years. Hezbollah had veto power in Saniora's Cabinet for the last year, which it won after provoking the worst street clashes since the 1975-1990 civil war.

The pro-Western coalition had vowed not to give Hezbollah and its allies a blocking minority in the new government if they won.

The battle in Christian districts was the decisive factor. Lebanese generally vote along sectarian and family loyalties, with seats for Sunnis and Shiites in the half-Christian, half-Muslim, 128-member parliament already locked up even before the voting started. Christians in the pro-Western coalition warned that Hezbollah would bring the influence of Shiite Iran to Lebanon. □




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Former President Carter plans Gaza visit this week

ATLANTA (AP) — Former President Jimmy Carter will visit Syria, Israel, the West Bank and Gaza this week to promote constructive dialogue on the Israeli-Arab conflict, a spokeswoman for the Carter Center said Sunday.

Carter, 84, is already in the region, where he joined scores of foreign observers monitoring Sunday's elections in Lebanon, expected to present an early test of President Barack Obama's efforts to forge Middle East peace. In a speech in Cairo on Thursday, Obama promised to work aggressively to end the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and listed confronting "violent extremism" as the top priority in addressing tensions between the U.S. and Muslims.

Deanna Congileo, a spokeswoman for the Atlanta-based Carter Center, which works to advance peace and health worldwide, said details of the rest of Carter's itinerary will be available later this week.

The Carter Center is among international and local missions monitoring the election pitting Western-backed anti-Syrian groups that hold the parliamentary majority in Lebanon against a Hezbollah-led coalition supported by Syria and Iran.

A win by the Shiite militant group would boost the influence of its backers Iran and Syria and risk pushing one the region's most volatile nations into international isolation and possibly more conflict with Israel.

Speaking at a polling station in Beirut's Christian sector of Ashrafieh Sunday, Carter expressed hope the U.S., Iran and other countries "will accept the results of the election and not try to interfere in the process."

Carter won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2002 for his efforts to promote peace after he left the presidency in 1981. Carter and former First Lady Rosalynn Carter founded the nonprofit Carter Center in 1982. □



Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter, left, monitors the vote as a woman, right, leaves a ballot booth before casting her vote at a polling station in Beirut's Christian sector of Ashrafieh, Lebanon, Sunday, June 7, 2009. Carter expressed hope the U.S., Iran and other countries "will accept the results of the election and not try to interfere in the process." Lebanese streamed to their hometowns on the Mediterranean coast and high up in the mountains Sunday to vote in crucial elections that could unseat a pro-Western government and install one dominated by the Iranian-backed militant group Hezbollah.

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Federer wins French Open, matches Sampras' slam record



Switzerland's Roger Federer kisses his trophy after defeating Sweden's Robin Soderling in their men's singles final match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Sunday June 7, 2009.

Associated Press

STEVEN WINE

AP Sports Writer

PARIS (AP) — Roger Federer beat Robin Soderling, tied Pete Sampras and won the French Open at last.

Undeterred by an on-court intruder, Federer beat surprise finalist Soderling 6-1, 7-6 (1), 6-4 Sunday to complete a career Grand Slam and win his 14th major title, matching Sampras' record.

On his fourth try at Roland Garros, Federer became the sixth man to win all four Grand Slam championships.

"Now the question is: Am I the greatest of all time?" Federer said.

"We don't know, but I definitely have many things going for me because I've finally won all four Grand

Slams, and I'm particularly happy reaching Pete's 14."

When the stylish Swiss hit a service winner on championship point, he fell on his knees to the clay that had vexed him for so long, screamed and briefly buried his face in his hands.

He was teary by the time he met Soderling at the net, and fans gave Federer a standing ovation as he raised his arms in triumph.

"It's maybe my greatest victory, or certainly the one that removes the most pressure off my shoulders," Federer said. "I think that now and until the end of my career, I can really play with my mind at peace and no longer hear that I've never won Roland Garros."

Tears ran down Federer's cheeks as the Swiss national anthem played.

"Roger, really, congrats to you," Soderling said. "You really gave me a lesson in how to play tennis today.. And to me you're the greatest player in history. So you really deserved to win this title."

Sampras said Federer deserves to be at the top of the all-time list.

"I'm obviously happy for Roger," Sampras told The Associated Press in a telephone interview from Los Angeles, where he lives. "Now that he has won in Paris, I think it just more solidifies his place in history as the greatest player that played the game, in my opinion."

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MOTORSPORTS

Stewart wins first Cup points race as team owner

By DAN GELSTON

AP Sports Writer

LONG POND, Pa. — Tony Stewart won his first Cup points race as a team owner, coming from the rear of the field and taking a late gamble on fuel to win at Pocono Raceway.

The Sprint Cup points leader had to start at the back of Sunday's race because a practice accident forced him into his backup car. Then Stewart figured he could drive the final 41 laps without a pit stop and it paid off, helping snap a 19-race winless streak dating to last season.

Stewart won the All-Star race last month for Stewart-Haas Racing, and this victory again stamped himself as a true threat to win his third Cup title.

"It's just a little different when you're the one that's got to be accountable," Stewart said. Stewart is the first owner/

driver to win a points race since Ricky Rudd at Martinsville in 1998. Carl Edwards was second, followed by David Reutimann, Jeff Gordon and Ryan Newman.

"I didn't think he was going to be a factor," Edwards said of Stewart. "I was sure he was going to run out."

The first Cup points race with double-file restarts finished without a problem. The drivers meeting lasted nearly 30 minutes as last-minute questions were answered on the new restart rules that line up the 43-car field following a yellow.

"I'm sure they'll refine it and make it better, but I think it worked out pretty good," Reutimann said.

After a caution, Stewart led the field to the green flag with 45 laps to go in the 500-mile race. His 6-second lead over Edwards with 10 laps left kept getting whittled away as

Stewart eased off the gas and didn't push his car to save fuel.

With a lead in the points standings and a spot in the Chase for the championship all but assured, Stewart could afford to take a risk.

The two-time Cup champion sure knows about taking risks — and having them work out. Stewart's secret to his fuel strategy?

"I'm not telling," he said, laughing.

Stewart won the race on fumes, but his own operation seems to have plenty of fuel. He's destroyed all expectations in his first season as owner and driver for SHR. It was the first points victory since he left Joe Gibbs Racing at the end of last year after 10 successful seasons to become co-owner of Stewart-Haas Racing.

This was the first points victory for the team since their 2002 debut as Haas CNC Racing.



Tony Stewart holds up the trophy in victory lane at Pocono Raceway in Long Pond, Pa., after winning the NASCAR Pocono 500 auto race Sunday, June 7, 2009.

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His second-place finish last week at Dover allowed him to become the first driver/owner to lead the points since Alan Kulwicki won the 1992 Cup championship, a span of 556 races.

Stewart stretched his lead over Gordon in the standings to 71 points.

"The things that he set out to accomplish this year were huge. I personally didn't believe he could get it done," Edwards said. "I'm extremely impressed with that. I can only imagine how good that feels to get that done."

When rain washed out qualifying on Friday, Stewart automatically sat on the pole as the points leader. He called this season one big dream and hoped he didn't wake up and realize it was time to get ready to go to Daytona.

Stewart wrecked his car in practice Saturday, then took some of the fastest laps of the day in his backup. He joked that if he knew the backup was that strong, he would have crashed the first one right away.

Edwards is still looking for his first victory of the season. □

Tiger Woods wins the Memorial

Late charge with four holes left

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

DUBLIN, Ohio (AP) — Tiger Woods broke away from a four-way tie for the lead Sunday at the Memorial with birdies on his final two holes, the last one a 7-iron that stopped a foot away from the cup for a 7-under 65 and a one-shot victory over Jim Furyk.

With a high-charged rally from a four-shot deficit, Woods revved up the crowd and silenced those who questioned his game heading into his title defense at Bethpage Black in two weeks.

He didn't miss a fairway in the final round, the first time he has done that in more than five years. He missed only five fairways all week, his most accurate tournament off the tee since the 1998 Masters.

Woods won the Memorial for a record fourth time, and tournament host Jack Nicklaus was there to greet him behind the 18th green. It was his second victory this year after missing eight months from knee surgery, and Woods figured he will only get better.

"I knew it was coming around," Woods said. "I just wasn't as consistent as I needed to be."

Furyk made a 20-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole for a 69 to finish alone in second.

"I just didn't beat one guy," Furyk said. "It (stinks) finishing second. But he played better. A 7 under on those greens and with the conditions we dealt with, that's pretty spectacular. I just wish you all would just quit (ticking) him off ... so he has

to come back and keep proving stuff. I think he answered a lot of questions today."

Woods finished at 12-under 276 and won for the 67th time in his career. The timing could not have been better. He was within one shot of the lead going in to the back nine at Quail Hollow and made nothing better than par for a 72. He played in the final group at The Players Championship, couldn't find a fairway and closed with a 73.

On a firm, fast course under steamy sunshine at Muirfield Village, he was close to perfect.

Woods surged into contention with a chip-in for eagle out of gnarly rough behind the 11th green, following through with one hand and eventually using the other to pump his fist. He took his first lead with a two-putt birdie on the par-5 15th.

After a bogey from the bunker on the 16th, Woods was tied with Furyk, Jonathan Byrd and Davis Love III.

But not for long.

Woods hit his approach to 9 feet behind the hole on the 17th, and rolled it in for a birdie

and the lead. After hitting the fairway with a 3-iron on the 18th, he hit 7-iron from 183 yards and let another raucous cheer indicate the outcome. Woods slapped hands with caddie Steve Williams and tapped in for his best closing round to win since the Dubai Desert Classic last year.

Byrd holed out from 82 yards for eagle at No. 7 to take control of the tournament, only to give it away with a double bogey from the rough and bunker on the 14th. Still, he had the best chance to catch Woods. Two shots behind, he hit his approach to 4 feet on the 17th, but missed the putt. Byrd finished with a meaningless double bogey for a 72 and tied for third with Mark Wilson (73).

Love, who could have avoided 36-hole U.S. Open qualifying Monday with a victory, got into contention with consecutive birdie putts of about 50 feet, only to miss an 8-foot birdie on the 15th.

He fell out of the hunt with a bogey from the fairway bunker on the 17th, then hitting his tee shot into the water on the



Jack Nicklaus, right, presents the trophy to Tiger Woods after Woods won the Memorial golf tournament Sunday, June 7, 2009 in Dublin, Ohio. Woods finished at 12-under 276 and won for the 67th time in his career.

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18th and closing with a triple bogey.

Matt Bettencourt, the PGA Tour rookie who started the final round tied with Wilson, held his own for seven holes until a three-putt bogey, followed by a chunked wedge into the water for a double bogey. He closed with a 75 and tied for fifth.

Woods played with Michael Letzig, who shot 75 but was treated to quite a show.

"I've never seen anyone hit

irons like that," Letzig said. "I tried not to watch him, but some of those shots were unreal."

Woods' driving set up those iron shots. The fairways at Muirfield Village are among the most generous, but he wasn't close to missing them and often set himself up on the right side to attack the pins.

"I don't know why everyone talks about how bad he drives it," Letzig said. "Every drive I saw was perfect." □

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The supportive crowd in Paris included Andre Agassi, the most recent man to complete a career Grand Slam when he won at Roland Garros 10 years ago. Agassi presented Federer with the trophy.

"You're the last man to win all four Grand Slams," Federer said. "Now I can relate to what it really feels like. ... It feels good to be for once on the podium as the winner. It's a magical moment."

Playing in cool, windy

Sweden's Robin Soderling holds his trophy after losing to Switzerland's Roger Federer in their men's singles final match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Sunday June 7, 2009.

Associated Press

weather and occasional rain, Federer raced to a quick lead, sweeping the first four games. Soderling appeared nervous at the start of his first Grand Slam final, and Federer kept him scrambling with penetrating groundstrokes to both corners and an occasional drop shot.

Federer's progress to the title was briefly delayed in the second set. The match was between points when a spectator waving a flag climbed through the photographer's pit and onto Federer's side of the court.

"That gave me a fright," Federer said. "He looked at me, and I was not sure what he wanted. ... It was a touch scary."

Federer backed away toward the backstop, but the fan caught up with him and tried to put a hat on Federer's head. Security personnel seemed slow to react before chasing the man to the other side of the court, and he was tackled, then carried out.

There was silence from the stunned crowd, then a chant of "Ro-ger! Ro-ger!" when the episode ended. Federer adjusted his headband, Soderling gave him a thumbs-up sign and play resumed.

Soderling's strokes steadied, and he pushed the second set to 6-all. But Federer played a brilliant tiebreaker, hitting aces on all four of his service points, and Soderling could only smile ruefully.

Federer broke again to start the third set and kept that lead the rest of the way. He never lost serve, and despite the difficult conditions, he had more winners than unforced errors — 41 to 24.

"It's always tough to play Roger," Soderling said. "He really played well today. I had a few small chances in the second set, but overall he played too well for me today."

Federer owed Soderling a

thank-you for easing his path by upsetting four-time defending champion Rafael Nadal in the fourth round last Sunday. Nadal beat Federer at Roland Garros the past four years, including three consecutive times in the final. "I kind of was relieved, because he was going to be the hardest one to beat," Federer said.

For Federer, a matchup against the 23rd-seeded Soderling was much more inviting. The Swede had never previously been beyond the third round at a Grand Slam tournament, and he fell to 0-10 against Federer.

"Yesterday, me and my coach were joking," Soderling told Federer during the trophy ceremony. "You've beaten me nine times in a row, and we were joking nobody can beat me 10 times in a row. But we were wrong."

Despite Nadal's surprising departure, Federer's path to the title wasn't easy. He rallied from a two-set deficit in the fourth round to beat Tommy Haas, and survived another five-setter against Juan Martin del Potro in the semifinals.


"I've had a tough draw," Federer said. "Of course, it's not Nadal on the other side of the net, but I beat him a couple of weeks ago on clay (in Madrid), so I really feel like I really deserve it."


Federer won his 14th Grand Slam championship at age 27. Sampras, who never reached a French Open final, was 31 when he won his last major title. Federer will try for No. 15 beginning in two weeks at Wimbledon, which he has won five times.

He has also won the U.S. Open the past five years, and he has three Australian Open titles.

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Imagen de Uribe intacta, pero reelección no es segura

BOGOTA (Reuters) - Pese a los varios frentes de problemas que enfrenta el Gobierno del presidente colombiano Alvaro Uribe, como acusaciones de espionaje ilegal, ejecuciones de civiles y una economía en recesión, su popularidad no sufre. Pero por ahora, eso no alcanza para despejar los obstáculos políticos y legales que enfrenta una eventual reelección. Apoyado en su lucha frontal contra los rebeldes de izquierda, Uribe logra salir poco lastimado de los escándalos que florecen en su Gobierno. El mandatario ha evadido responder si buscará su segunda reelección inmediata en el 2010, pero sus seguidores impulsan un referendo para

habilitar al aliado de Estados Unidos en América Latina a competir por su tercer periodo respaldado por su alta aprobación tras casi siete años en el poder. Después de impulsar una ofensiva militar para derrotar a la guerrilla que obtiene millonarios ingresos de la producción y el tráfico de cocaína, el presidente cuenta aún con el respaldo de muchos colombianos. Hasta hace menos de una década, Colombia era visto como un Estado fallido. “Lo que yo preveo es que su favorabilidad o su popularidad va a verse algo disminuida, pero no va a caer dramáticamente”, dijo Jorge Londoño, gerente de la firma Invamer-Gallup. “Pensar que el presidente Uribe

va a ser impopular es muy difícil, ahí tendría que ocurrir algo muy raro”, explicó. Las encuestas muestran que su mensaje de “Seguridad Democrática” e inversión aún pesa mucho en un país donde hace pocos años los ataques urbanos y los secuestros eran noticias diarias. La última encuesta de Invamer-Gallup reveló que Uribe tiene una popularidad de 68 por ciento, mientras que un sondeo de la firma Napoleón Franco mostró que el 57 por ciento de los colombianos votaría por Uribe ahora mientras que por su más cercano rival lo haría sólo un 6 por ciento. En ambas encuestas la mayoría de los colombianos se muestra a favor de la segunda reelección inmediata si el



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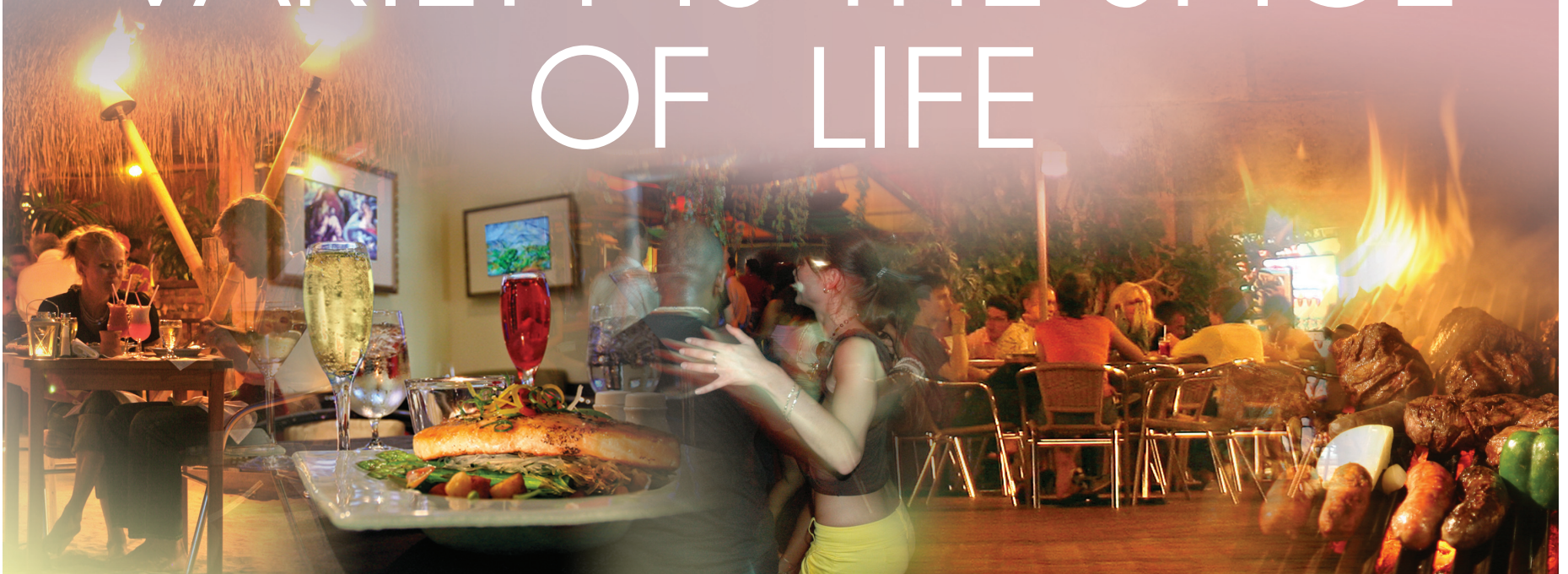
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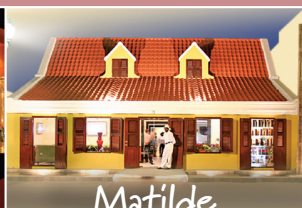
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